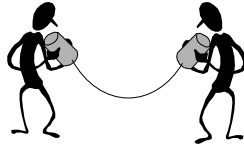


Vermont Communication Task Force



Who we are

The Vermont Communication Task Force (VCTF) was established in the spring of 2000 so that:

Adults with developmental disabilities who live in Vermont can communicate more effectively to participate fully in community life, make decisions and better advocate for themselves.

Members include people with experience, knowledge and/or interest in the areas of communication, literacy and assistive technology.

What we do

Ongoing efforts of the Vermont Communication Task Force provide information, education, training and resources to people with disabilities, family members, service providers and community members. Our goal is to:

Increase opportunities and supports for individuals to improve their communication and increase awareness of the need for people to communicate beyond the basics and familiar.

What resources we offer

- **Technical Assistance and Training** – Regional and statewide workshops are offered to local communication resource people and other individuals interested in supporting adults and transition age youth with developmental disabilities to communicate more effectively. Technical assistance may be provided to service coordinators and individual support teams.
- **Making Communication Happen Conference** – A bi-annual statewide conference to provide practical and in-depth information to people who support adults and transition age youth with developmental disabilities to communicate more effectively.

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- Resource Guides – The following resource guides are available:
 - Vermont Communication Resource Guide – A short booklet that provides basic information on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC).
 - A Guide to Medicaid Funding for Communication Evaluations and Devices – A funding guide to help people who are eligible follow the Medicaid process to obtain a communication evaluation and/or a communication device/system.
 - Making Communication Happen – Tools to Help Teams Plan and Provide Communication Supports – An informational booklet that provides three annotated tools to help a person and his or her team plan and provide communication supports.

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